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I DISCUSSED TOM'S DEVIATIONS FROM TRACK (M SN C-301C) WITH TERRY AFTER THE MISSION TODAY AND EXPRESSED MY CONCERN RELATIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF FLYING PRECISE FLIGHT LINES. TERRY STATED THAT TOM USED EXCELLENT JUDGEMENT IN EXTENDING FLT LINE I-J TO GET NEW AIRFIELD AND FLT LINE M-N TO GET SECOND PHOTO OF HAI YANG TAO NAVAL BASE. I AGREED THAT TOM'S INITIATIVE WAS EXCELLENT IN GETTING THE NEW AIRFIELD BY A SMALL EXTENSION OF THE LEG BUT I FELT THAT TOM WAS NOT WISE IN EXTENDING FLT LINE M-N TO GET SECOND PHOTO OF THE NAVAL BASE AT A CLOSER DISTANCE. TERRY DID NOT AGREE AND FELT FLT LINE M-N SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONGER. I EXPLAINED ABOUT FLIGHT LINES BEING A MAX OF 50 NM AND INDICATED THE TIME TO CHANGE A FLT LINE WAS WHEN WE FIRST RECEIVE THE CANNED ROUTES BY REQUESTING A CHANGE, BUT NOT TO CHANGE THE FLT LINE DURING THE FLT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION I AM NOT SURE I CONVINCED TERRY THAT TOM WAS INCORRECT IN

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EXTENDING THE PLT LINE. HOWEVER, I DO FEEL I CONVINCED

HIM THAT IN THE FUTURE WE (HE AND I) WOULD EXAMINE

EACH CANNED ROUTE WHEN IT IS RECEIVED AND REQUEST ANY CHANGES FROM HIGH AT THAT TIME. IN CONCLUSION, I HELIEVE WE WILL HAVE NO FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH THIS SUBJECT.

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